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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Communication from the Examiner dated January 29, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph at Page 17, line 19

5' -ACGGTTGTTGAATTACCGGTGTTAATAGAG- 3' SEQ ID NO:4

Paragraph at page 20, line 2 to Page 21, line 10

[Method 1] The upstream region of the pra2 gene was amplified with a series of upstream region primers containing a HindIII recognition sequence at the 5' end and a primer containing the Ncol recognition sequence corresponding to the start codon ATG of the pra2 gene (Ncol primer: 5' -

GGTCCATGGTCTTGTCAAGATC- 3') (SEQ ID NO:5). Deletion clones for linker

